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Mr. Robert McCloskey: We now have evidence that the Student Revolutionary Directorate in Miami was involved (responsible) in the shelling in Cuba last night, and in this connection I have the following statement:

A spur-of-the-moment raid such as this does not weaken the Communist apparatus. While we appreciate the strong feelings of this free student group and their hostility to this most oppressive regime, we cannot approve of the use of U.S. territory as a base for such action. The Coast Guard intends to impound the boats and we must inform the participants that any repetition of such action by any group <sup>c</sup>ould involve the provisions of the Neutrality Act.

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